

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT SESSION MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2007**

The joint session of the Auburn City Historic Design Review and Planning Commission was called to order on January 16, 2007 at 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Thompson in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Worthington, Briggs, Kidd, Chrm. Thompson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Elder

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director;
Steve Geiger, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer,
Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: ELECTION OF OFFICER(S)

Comm. Smith **MOVED** to Elect Commissioner Merz as Chairman.

Comm. Kosla **SECONDED**.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Thompson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington

The motion was approved.

Comm. Thompson turned the meeting over to newly elected Chairman Merz.

Comm. Thompson **MOVED** to Elect Commissioner Smith as Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Merz stated that there was no need for a second, and the vote was taken.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Thompson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington

The motion was approved.

Comm. Kosla **MOVED** to Elect Commissioner Thompson as the Traffic Committee representative, and Commissioner Smith as the alternate Traffic Committee representative.

AYES: Kosla, Merz, Smith, Thompson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Worthington

The motion was approved.

Comm. Worthington arrived at the meeting.

ITEM IV: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION

The minutes of the December 19, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM V: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – PLANNING COMMISSION

The minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM VI: PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Murphy of 180 Agard Street gave a presentation about parking in the Old Town area. He presented an aerial photo and discussed potential parking spaces within 1,000 feet from the Courthouse.

Councilman Keith Nesbitt stated that he appreciated Mr. Murphy's efforts in obtaining the information presented.

Mr. James Graves of 10800 Indian Hill Road who spoke at the December 19, 2006 meeting stated that he had not received a response to his request for more information about the road widening in front of his home. Staff told Mr. Graves that someone from Public Works will be contacting him to address his concerns.

ITEM VII: COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioners Smith and Worthington gave a slide presentation about how signs affect the attractiveness and economic vitality of our city.

After the presentation, the Commissioners discussed enforcement and the possibility of re-writing the Sign Ordinance.

There was also discussion about whether this presentation should be placed on the agenda for the City Council to consider. Director Wong stated that in February the Commission will be setting their priorities, and the issue of signs can be placed on that list if that is what the Commission agrees upon.

ITEM VIII: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Planning Commission Meetings
There will be a meeting on February 6, 2007.
- C. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There may be a meeting on February 6, 2007.
- D. Reports
None.

ITEM IX: COMMISSION REPORTS

Comm. Smith asked for follow-up about the Car Lot sign. Director Wong said staff will be calling them as soon as possible.

Director Wong also stated that phone calls will be made this week to businesses in Downtown that have illegal banners. Then Old Town will be addressed, and then the Highway 49 area.

Comm. Worthington reported about her meeting with architect, Tim DeWitt about the Historic Design Review Commission position. He has only worked on one pre-1960 building. It was concluded that he does not have the desired Historic background.

Director Wong will contact Lee Buckingham and inform him about the position and how he can apply for it. The Commissioners are also welcome to contact other architects.

Comm. Kosla spoke about the Placer County Conservation Plan.

Chrm. Merz stated that Councilmen Nesbitt & Hanley are recommending to direct city staff to provide specific reports to the

City Council and the Planning Commission regarding implementation of the General Plan and State policies.

Director Wong reminded the Commissioners about the Housing Workshop on February 5, 2007.

ITEM X: FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant